



# HERDSA

Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia

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The Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia is proud to be celebrating 50 years as a scholarly society for people committed to the advancement of higher and tertiary education.

1972

President, Fred Katz (1972-1975)

The Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia (HERDSA) was established by a group of academics in the newly formed academic development centres in universities. Kol Star, Barbara Falk, Norman Henry, Ernest Roe, John Powell, Fred Katz and Alan Lonsdale were part of the driving force in its establishment and later recognised for their contribution HERDSA with life membership.

HERDSA was formed to bring together teachers, research workers, administrators, people working in educational services and anyone with an interest in promoting research and development in tertiary education.

J.P. Powell's article in '*Australian Higher Education 1852-1972: the prelude to HERDSA*' was published in *Research and Development in Higher Education*, 16, (603-609) and highlighted the significance of student activism for improvements in the quality of teaching, contributing to the development of academic development centres.

1975

The first HERDSA Annual conference was held in Canberra.

1976

President, Barbara Falk (1976)

HERDSA NZ Branch established with Rod McKay playing a critical role in its establishment and continuation.

1977

President, Robert Ross (1977)

President, John Powell (1977-1980)

1978

HERDSA Life membership was first awarded to recognise contributions to HERDSA and the profession. Kol Star was the first recipient.

1980

HERDSA News established as a newsletter posted to members, edited by Roger Landbeck till 2014.

1981

President, Jacqueline Lublin (1981-1982)

1982

*The Higher Education Research and Development* journal was first published.

1983

President, Ernest Roe (1983-1985)

1984

The first HERDSA Green Guide was published, titled *Reviewing Departments*, Ernest Roe and Rod McDonald, University of Queensland. The second Guide *Up the Publication Road*, by Royce Sadler was one of the most successful publications. Further Green and Gold Guides followed.

1985

The first HERDSA Visiting Scholar was initiated. Professor Don Woods, McMaster University Canada, a chemical engineer ran a series of workshops in Australia and New Zealand.

1986

President, John Bowden (1986-1987)

1988

President, David Boud (1988-1991)

An administrative office was established at the University of Newcastle in the PROBLARC office.

1992

President, Phil Candy (1992-1995)

*Challenging conceptions of teaching: some prompts for Good Practice* was published by HERDSA and endorsed and circulated widely by the AVVC and HERDSA.

The Victorian Branch of HERDSA established by Peter Ling and again re-established in 2010.

1993

The Western Australian HERDSA branch was established with Owen Hicks as the inaugural branch president. The WA branch has operated continuously since then and its members active in organising WA the Teaching and Learning Forum since 1992.

1995

HERDSA joins the International Consortium of Educational Development (ICED).

1996

President Peggy Nightingale (1996-1997)

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It was established to promote the development of higher education policy, practice and the study of teaching and learning through encouraging and disseminating research on teaching and learning, higher education development and supporting strong academic communities - goals that are as important today and they were in 1972.

1997

**President, Owen Hicks (1997-1999)**

The HERDSA List serve was established to communicate with members. This was first moderated by Roger Landbeck for many years and then undertaken Peter Kandlebinder who still serves in that role.

The Hong Kong HERDSA Branch was established.

1998

HERDSA Visiting Scholar, Professor Tom Angelo.

Queensland Branch held a very successful state conference.

1999

**President Angela Brew (1999-2003)**

2000

HERDSA Visiting Scholar, Charles Glassick.

2002

HERDSA Office management service established in Sydney. Jennifer Ungaro appointed to the position of part time manager.

2003

**President, John Dearn (2003-2005)**

The first HERDSA Fellowships were awarded at the annual conference in Christchurch, NZ. This program has evolved over time with HERDSA Fellows, Associate Fellows and Assessors are part of a vibrant network of scholars who are able to engage in professional development and serve HERDSA and the broader tertiary education community.

2004

HERDSA conference held for the first time outside of Australia and New Zealand in Miri, Malaysia.

2005

**President, Shelda Debowski (2005-2009)**

The establishment of a series of Australian government funded organisations to promote the quality of teaching and learning in universities eg Carrick Institute of Learning and Teaching in Higher Education with activity commencing early in 2006, renamed the Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC) 2008-2011, followed by the OLT (2011- 2016). HERDSA members were active contributors and recipients of these funds and awards.

2006

HERDSA commissioned an oral history project of Academic Development in Australia, leading to the publication *Making a Place*, authored by Alison Lee, Catherine Manathunga and Peter Kandlebinder.

2007

Ako Aotearoa, the National Centre for Tertiary Teaching Excellence was established in New Zealand. HERDSA NZ members were active contributors and recipients of these funds and awards.

The first *New Members' Breakfast* was held at the Adelaide Conference. It has been held each year since.

ACT HERDSA Branch re-established.

2008

*Talking about Teaching and Learning (TATAL)* was established and led by Coralie McCormack and Robert Kennelly. TATAL was introduced into to HERDSA conference workshop program in 2011. There are now a number of TATAL groups around Australia.

2009

**President Geoff Crisp (2009-2011)**

2010

HERDSA NZ awarded the HERDSA/TERNS Research Medal, the first of which was awarded to Neil Haigh.

2011

**President, Shelda Debowski (2011-2013)**

The Tasmanian Branch of HERDSA Established with the University of Tasmania.

2012

Annual Conference: Connections in Higher Education, Hobart, Tasmania.

2013

**President, Allan Goody (2013-2019)**

*HERDSA Review of Higher Education* was established. This online publication was designed to provide timely information and authoritative advice about major issues confronting higher education. Six volumes were produced under the editorship of Peter Kandlebinder.

2014

The Annual HERDSA Conference was held for the first time in Hong Kong with the conference theme *Higher Education in a Globalized World*.

*The Professional Buddies* initiative was first introduced HERDSA Conference. The aim of the program was to assist those new to HERDSA to comfortably network with established HERDSA members and learn the 'culture' of a higher education learning and teaching conference.

2015

The *Roger Landbeck Professional Development Fund* was established to promote the enhancement of higher education learning and students by advancing equity, diversity and social justice among staff and students. Affiliate HERDSA membership was established to support academics in the region.

2017

The Hong Kong Branch held its 1st Redesigning Student Learning Experience in HigherEd Education (RSLEIHE) Symposium.

*The HERDSA Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Modules (SoTL)* were launched. The aim of the modules was to build HERDSA members' SoTL capacity.

2018

HERDSA News magazine name changed to HERDSA Connect. Editor Maureen Bell.

2019

**President, Denise Chalmers (2019-2021)**

HERDSA Grants were established with grants up to \$5000 for up to 5 projects on teaching and learning in higher education.

The Hong Kong Branch held its 2nd Redesigning Student Learning Experience in HigherEd Education (RSLEIHE) Symposium.

2020

The HERDSA Conference in Brisbane is cancelled as a consequence of COVID-19 lockdowns.

The HERDSA branches initiated a series of webinars on responses in teaching in pandemic times.

HERDSA NZ establish the *Higher Education Heroes Awards* to recognize academic generosity in challenging times and the *Grant Scheme* to support the work of NZ teachers during the CoVID-19 Pandemic. This idea was adopted for the wider membership of HERDSA and awarded in 2021.

2021

**President, Kogi Naidoo (2021- 2023)**

New online journal is established *Advancing Scholarship and Research in Higher Education (ASRHE)* with a new model of review and publishing articles that advance scholarly practices and contribute theoretical, methodological and substantive knowledge, relevant to higher education teaching. Inaugural Editor, Eva Heinrich.

The Hong Kong Branch held its 3rd Redesigning Student Learning Experience in HigherEd Education (RSLEIHE) Symposium. and stated its Students as Partners research program.

NSW Branch of HERDSA established.

The HERDSA Conference in Brisbane is again cancelled as a consequence of COVID-19 lockdowns.

2022

The HERDSA conference held in Melbourne as a hybrid conference, with over 500 delegates registered.

HERDSA celebrates 50 years of service to the higher education community.

The overarching purpose of HERDSA is to bring together and support those people who are engaged in teaching in higher education, in the study of learning, teaching and policy in higher education, and in the continuous improvement of higher education.

The goal of HERDSA is to be a scholarly society for the diverse group of people concerned to advance higher education.

HERDSA works to:

- Advance educational policy and practice in the higher education and tertiary sector,
- Facilitate and promote the enhancement of teaching and learning,
- Encourage and disseminate research on higher education and tertiary teaching, learning,

development, research, leadership, and policy matters,

- Recognise and reward outstanding contributions to higher and tertiary education,
- Encourage collaboration and the development of professional communities in higher and tertiary education, and
- Assist its members in their ongoing professional development.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the building of this chronology. There will no doubt be errors and omissions. Please advise the HERDSA office of these and we will correct and update the document progressively.

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